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As a concerned individual interested in bringing about social change in America you are cordially invited to accept a Complimentary Copy of a unique private newsletter, Washington Watch.

Dear Friend:

There are really three kinds of news: managed news, visible news, and hidden news.

For example, during the recent India-Pakistan war, the Nixon Administration's attempt at managed news portrayed the two countries as equally at fault while the United States was strictly neutral.

The visible news was that the Bengali people were suffering the worst oppression since Hitler's extermination of Europe's Jews and India's intervention was necessary before millions more died.

The hidden news was that President Nixon was demanding through Henry Kissenger that U.S. policy "tilt" in favor of Pakistan's dictator Yahya Khan.

It is only now and then that hidden news becomes visible and makes front-page headlines, such as when the nation was rocked by the uncovering of the massacre at My Lai, the publication of the secret Pentagon history of the Vietnam war, and the recent ITT loan scandal.

But a surprising amount can be known all along about the hidden news through patient fitting together of scraps and bits of information.

A lone, courageous Washington journalist has been doing exactly that for over four years. He is Tristram Coffin, author of the semi-monthly newsletter, Washington Watch.

Mr. Coffin is a news detective. He searches through newspapers and magazines from all over the world the way a criminal investigator searches a robbed room for fingerprints.

He spends countless hours sifting through such widely varied publications as: Washington Post . . . LeMonde of Paris . . . the Christian Science Monitor . . . the Tokyo weekly Syukan Sinte . . . the Congressional Quarterly . . . The New York Times . . . Nation . . . the Soviet Defense Ministry newspaper Red Star . . . Manchester Guardian . . . the Texas Observer . . . Der Spiegel --- to name just a few.

A sentence here, a paragraph there, a revealing quote, are seized, clipped and fitted into a meaningful pattern of events that escape most casual readers.

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For example, while the news media were busily reporting the surface pomp and circumstance of Nixon's visit to China, Coffin gave the readers of Washington Watch a different perspective.

"China," he reported, "is trying to drag the U.S. into its struggle with Russia as a military and political ally.

"This would give China time to arm itself for a full-scale war with the U.S.S.R. Peking is rushing nuclear, missile, and underground shelter programs with the military apparently in charge.

"This tactic was decided after detailed reports of the strong anti-Russian feelings of Mr. Nixon and his adviser, Henry Kissenger."

Ross Terrill tells of his conversation with Chinese leaders and says:

"Kissenger's alleged hostility to the Soviet Union struck them as one of his most positive attitudes."

In the same issue of Washington Watch, you would have learned...

...the ill-fated Chou-Nixon scheme for rescuing Yahya Khan.

...how Chou's opposition in China's internal power struggle blames Chou for betraying the people in the Pakistan crisis.

...the belief in Moscow that Mao will inevitably turn on Chou when seeking a scapegoat of worthy stature.

...the Pentagon's plan for a new nuclear sub race with the Russians which could cost \$100 billion.

...a German news publication's view of trends in the U.S. suggesting that fascism has "a good chance of coming to power in America by democratic means."

...questions raised about the use of the Federal grand jury to intimidate militant anti-war dissidents, by such moderate voices as the Christian Science Monitor, the New York Times, and the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions.

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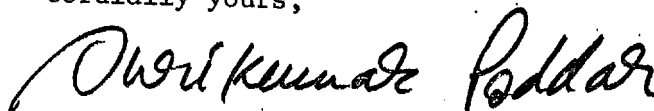
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Shrikumar Poddar, Publisher
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--Clark Clifford

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